PATENT CASE IN01157K

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NOVEL PEPTIDES AS NS3-SERINE PROTEASE INHIBITORS OF **HEPATITIS C VIRUS**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT SUBMISSION OF INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

Sir:

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Applicants are enclosing a copy of the International Search Report established in this case, along with the references cited therein. It is requested that the documents be considered and made of record. A PTO-1449 is attached.

The submission of these documents is not to be presumed as an admission that these documents are prior art. The documents are being furnished solely for their possible utility in the examination of the present case. Since no Office Action has issued on the merits of this case, Applicants believe that no fee is due at this time. If, however, any fees are due, the Office may charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0365.

If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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